









MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1895.

# THE CHINA MAIL

THE P. & O. s. *Canton* left Singapore for this port on the 14th inst., at 9 a.m.

THE s. s. *Catherine Apsar*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port this afternoon.

THE Norwegian steamer *Frammer*, from Bangkok, reports the death of a Chinaman on the voyage.

DURING the week ending Sept. 15, there were 117 European and 1,581 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Museum.

THE P. and T. Times is of opinion that there is urgent necessity for a volunteer force at Tientsin.

THE Tientsin Autumn Race Meeting will be held on 28th, 29th and 30th October. There will be six races on each day.

WILLIAMS New Opera Company commences a short season of burlesque and light opera at the City Hall Theatre to-morrow night.

COURT. Matsui, the Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs, is reported, is about to resign.

THE British barque *Cumbudoon* has brought out for the Navy a cargo of Cardiff coal which is now being discharged into the Godowns at Kowloon.

ACCORDING to Japanese native papers, the native tribes of Formosa are co-operating with the Japanese forces against the Black Flag.

THE death rate last month was, for the British and Foreign community, civil population, 19.9, and for the Chinese community 24.9.

THE N. L. s. *Kurume*, with the German mail of Aug. 25, left Colombo on Saturday, the 14th inst., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 25th inst.

YACHTING IN THE DOCKS.—At Kowloon: *Helene*, *Richmond*, *Haitan*, *Cassio*, *Dragon*, *Frags*, *Chrysopolis*—Chun Shun, Polyang, Ladaik.

No matter what indemnification we may insist on and obtain, says the *Pioneer Mail*, the only result of the Kuohang affair will be to deepen, if possible, the sentiments of contempt and rage with which the mass of Chinamen regard the foreigner.

THE Wesleyan Army and Navy Association held their first picnic of the season on Saturday last. About 130 members and friends proceeded in two launches to Castle Peak Bay, where, on landing, tea was served, and some games indulged in. The party returned to Murray Pier at 9.15 p.m., after a most enjoyable outing.

A PARCEL post service between Hongkong and Canada via Vancouver has been arranged and will come into force on the 1st of October. Parcels will be despatched by the U. P. R. steamers under contract with the Imperial Post Office.

THE Governor in Council has directed that a general valuation of the rateable tenements in the City of Victoria, the Hill District, Kowloon Point, Yau-mai, M. T. Hing-shan, Shau-kiwan and Aberdeen, under the Rating Ordinance, 1883, for the year commencing 1st July, 1895, shall be made on or before the 30th April next. As regards rateable tenements situated elsewhere in the Colony the existing valuation shall be adopted as for 1894.

THE Chinese Mail (*Wah Tai Yot*) has received information from Canton to the effect that on Saturday afternoon, 14th inst., upwards of 120 houses were destroyed by fire in the western part of the city. The fire broke out in the premises of a foundry in San Tau Lan, and was caused by the bursting of a kerosene lamp. No lives were lost. The fire was extinguished by the native fire brigade. The Governor and all the officials turned out, and their underlings gave assistance in checking the progress of the flames.

GOVERNMENT notification is made that no rent will be charged for the use of meters in respect of water supplied to premises in the Hill District or Kowloon, except in the case of hotels, warehouses, or places where the water is utilized for purposes of trade or where a outillage contains a fountain, hydrant, stable, cowshed, piggery or an annex of a similar nature. Where the consumption of water within the premises exceeds the prescribed domestic quantity (which will be in nearly every case), or where the premises are exempted from rates, a charge will also be made.

MA S. B. J. Skertholt, well known in Hongkong, is now at work in Queensland as Assistant Government Geologist, and his services are evidently highly appreciated, for from the *Wah Tai River Times* we note that the Queensland Chamber of Commerce has been petitioning the Queensland Minister for Mines, by telegraph, to allow him a longer stay in their district than that assigned in the official programme of his tour. He had in the course of a short visit given so much interesting and valuable information as to the mineral resources of the country he had inspected, that the Queensland people have secured a promise from the Government to send him there again.

RECENTLY the *Wah Tai* has been the subject of a long and interesting article, signed by W. Robinson and Co.

THE tiger has been seen again near Pokfulam.

THE Silk Express of China was delivered in New York on the 15th inst.

THE Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance for 1894 for a sum of \$355,325.65, and the Ordinance to amend Ordinance 17 of 1893, have been approved by Her Majesty.

THE P. & O. s. *Rustia*, with the English mail of Aug. 23, left Singapore on Saturday, the 14th inst., at 4 p.m., and may be expected here about 4 p.m. on Thursday, the 19th inst. She brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on July 18.

'BRavo, Durraven!' This was the message flashed over the cable to Lord Durraven when it became known in Hongkong that to all intents and purposes the *Valkyrie* had been scratched for the third race for the America Cup. Probably our American country will accuse the owner of the *Valkyrie* of pettishness, but in the circumstances he was quite justified in withdrawing from a competition which promised to be carried out under unfair conditions. We have still to learn the particulars of the racing, but it is a fair assumption that the foul in the second race, for which the *Valkyrie* was disqualified, and the race awarded to the *Defender*, was due to some steamer or vessel getting in the way of the English yacht. Lord Durraven was, therefore, making only a sportsman-like demand when he asked that he should be guaranteed a clear course, and when that was refused it would have been absurd to continue racing. Considering the expense and trouble to which English yachtsmen have been put in order to compete for the America Cup, the Americans might at least have had the decency to give 'a fair field and no favour.' In spite of the efforts of the British Yachting Clubs, the Americans will lodge the competition round with conditions that make it difficult if not impossible for an English yacht to win; on previous occasions the sailing of the visiting yachts has been interfered with by steamers following the race; and now a fiasco is threatened which will have a very prejudicial effect upon international racing. As in yacht racing, so in other branches of sport, the Americans do not seem to have cultivated as yet that fine old English spirit of desiring to see the best man win.

A TIKETSH correspondent writes to the *Advertiser*—Mr. Bauer, who was Railway Inspector in our Railway College till 1893, is on his way out from Germany, I hear. He is for the service of Chang Chih-tung, and is bringing with him a number of assistants for the Chinese and Russian Railway. These are all being sent out by Herr Ruppert, who is, I am told, to supply the rails for that line. Yet there are others who declare that Chang Chih-tung has placed the contract in the hands of a British Syndicate. I told this to a German gentleman and he replied that the contract would never be placed in the hands of any English firm so long as Mr. Hildebrand was with Chang Chih-tung.

THE deaths of two well-known men connected with sailing pursuits have been recorded to-day (9th September). One was Mr. Alex. MacCallum, former boiler-maker at Messrs Boyd & Co., one of the most industrious and deserving men in Shanghai. The other was John Scott, a hard-headed man. He was a native of Otago, Argyle, and came out to Shanghai for Boyle in 1870. He leaves a widow and family to mourn his untimely death by cholera after a few hours' illness. The other was Capt. Vincent, a well-known man, who died last night at sea on Saturday, while en route for his pilot vessel the *Siren*. It is believed he succumbed to an affection of the heart.—*China Gazette*.

A NARRATIVE correspondent of the *China Gazette* writes—The Army Administration at this point is making progress slowly. This can hardly be wondered at; everything must be learned. The German officers must learn to know the Chinese and their language. The Chinese must learn what organization, discipline and efficiency mean. If the Viceroy would learn that he does not know everything it would be a great day for him. He would then trust somewhat to the judgment of those whom he has called to his aid. At present they have no real power and are doing the Viceroy's bidding. They might do so to a certain extent, but they have been hoping that foreign accommodation would be given them, but up to this time all but those who have been living in an old camp. In consequence many have been down with fever. One of the leading officers has just left in disgust. One left some time ago, and a third will go soon.

SIRRO Tait, with the approval of His Excellency Wang Wai-shao, has decided to establish a foreign University at Tientsin, with which there will also be connected a Preparatory Department. It is expected that Preparatory School, similar to the one established here, will be opened in other localities of North China, and they will be a certain extent under the management of the Tientsin University. Besides a general scientific course, the University will provide special courses in Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Law, for which expert foreign professors will be engaged, to be assisted by native professors and teachers of foreign education. The University will be under the control of Chinese Directors and a foreign President. It is understood that the directors will be the Hon. Mr. Wang T'ai-fang and Mr. Chao-chai, Esq. The position of President has been accepted by Mr. D. T. Tennant, Esq. Three classes of the Preparatory Department will be filled this autumn by examination. The first class will be held in Tientsin, Shanghai, and Hongkong. One of the foreign professors has already been sent for, and will arrive in Tientsin before the opening of the year. The University will occupy the 'Fo Wan Shan' building, which has been secured by Sirro Tait for this purpose.—P. and T. Times.

W. Robinson and Co. make a special feature of Selling Pianos and Organs on the Easy Payment system.

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FRANK BROWN, Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 14th September, 1895.

ACCORDING to the telegram we publish to-day (says the *Siam Free Press* of the 2nd inst.) France has scored another diplomatic success in the Far East. These 'French successes' in China have crowded on each other's heels of late with a rapidity which is eloquent witness to the ability of French diplomats both at home and in China. It will, however, be remembered that diplomacy often, in this instance, some tribute of thanks to that much abused 'greatest policy' so loftily pooh-poohed by the gentlemen of Downing Street, and who have gained her point as the best of all gained points by a single concession by application of diplomatic feds in dealing with China. France seems, somehow, to understand the China situation better, and has evidently accurately gauged the full value of their empire and mastered the means of dealing with it with a rapidity which is eloquent witness to the ability of French diplomats both at home and in China. 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